

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2601**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Benoit**

February 22, 2008

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An act to add Section 11006 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to local government finance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2601, as introduced, Benoit. Local government finance: vehicle license fee revenues: sanctuary cities.

The Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Law establishes, in lieu of any ad valorem property tax upon vehicles, an annual license fee for any vehicle subject to registration in this state. Under existing law, the Controller is required to allocate VLF revenues in the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account in a specified order to cities, counties, and cities and counties.

This bill would require that vehicle license fee revenues not be allocated to any city that is declared to be a sanctuary city, as defined. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a specified fund in the State Treasury, for the deposit of VLF revenues that would otherwise be allocated to a sanctuary city, for the purpose of providing grants to cities that would like additional law enforcement training, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11006 is added to the Revenue and
- 2 Taxation Code, to read:

1 11006. (a) Any city that is declared to be a sanctuary city shall  
2 not be allocated any vehicle license fee revenues.

3 (b) Vehicle license fee revenues that would otherwise be  
4 allocated to a sanctuary city shall be allocated equally to any city,  
5 county, and city and county that has not been declared a sanctuary  
6 city.

7 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that  
8 would create in the State Treasury, the Optional Local Immigration  
9 Enforcement Fund, for the deposit of vehicle license fee revenues  
10 that would otherwise be allocated to a sanctuary city, for the  
11 purpose of providing grants to cities that request additional law  
12 enforcement training pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 287  
13 of the federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration  
14 Responsibility Act.

15 (d) For purposes of this section, a “sanctuary city” means a city  
16 that adopts a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, by not requiring their  
17 employees, including law enforcement officers, to report to federal  
18 officials aliens who may be illegally present in the city, or by not  
19 requiring an applicant who applies for a municipal identification  
20 card to provide verification of their immigration status.